



Over-the-Rainbow Show: Riding Between the Raindrops

No rainbows in sight at our annual spring schooling show, just plenty of rain! HorseSense students rose to the occasion once again and put on a great display of horsemanship under adverse conditions. Congratulations to the Pink Team of Katie, Lauren and Emma for winning the high-point award, and to Katie for her Judge's Choice prize in the costume class. Special thanks to our wonderful judge, Gabby Fabiano, for keeping things on time and FUN all day long... to Bob Surrusco and Callian Trujillo for their hard work in the announcer's booth... to Brian McAvoy and Evan Surrusco, for getting the farm in show-ready shape... Angela Parn for pinch-hit photography... and to our champion volunteers Paul, Reesa, Olivia and Nancy for all of their behind-the-scenes efforts!



It's Showtime!



The **Not-Your-Typical-Show** is now just a few months away! Held on Sept 28, our fall show offers equitation classes on the flat and over fences, mounted games classes for all ages, and—new for 2013! - a Gambler's Choice jumping competition. Individual points will be tallied and added to our spring show totals to determine this year's Grand and Reserve champion.

Classes range from Leadline to 3' fences,

suitable for students in every level!

For more information—and a video of last year's show—please visit: www.HorseSenseRidingAcademy.com/schoolingshow.htm

We are also interested in putting together a show team for the **Gilmer County Saddle Club English Show**, tentatively set for August 24. Qualified students must be proficient at walk, trot and canter (Blue Level and up), have attended a show prep camp, and understand all requirements of show preparation. Ask Nikki for more information!

Coming Up Next:



Novice and Rising Rider Camps

Our popular summer day camps for beginner riders are filling up fast! Novice Camp, appropriate for riders aged 9-18, takes place **July 9-13** and includes four days of camp plus a special Saturday show. For younger riders, our Rising Rider camp **July 24-27** offers a half-day experience. No previous horse experience necessary!



Quadrille Camp

Our unique three-day dressage camp for adults and children teaches riders to choreograph a routine for two (pas de deux) to four riders (quadrille). Music, costumes, teamwork and dancing horses -- what could be more fun? This year's Quadrille Camp takes place **August 2-4**, but get your forms in early—school horses are available on a first-come, first-served basis.



Level Up Clinics

The end of camp season remarks the return of our Level Up Clinics! Work towards your next Levels ribbon with several hours of intensive instruction, **August 24** (note: this clinic has a special, Horsekeeping-only format!) and **September 15** (then stay for our end-of-summer barn party!).

For more information and/or online enrollment forms, please visit: www.HorseSenseRidingAcademy.com

CONGRATULATIONS

to the following students for achieving new Levels since April:

Rainbow Level:

Journey Baughman

Red Horsekeeping:

Momo Lee

Yellow Horsemanship:

Beth Petrillo

Isabelle Campbell

Kalli Bassett

Lexi Cantrell

Green Horsemanship:

Abigail Cantlay

Haley Horton

Lauren Cole

Sydney Horton

Orange Horsemanship:

Lucy Sabine

Our next ribbon day will be August 24, 2013.



School Horses Available for Lease

Want a taste of horse ownership without the commitment of a half or full lease? We still have a couple of school horses available in our new quarter-lease program. For \$50 a month, quarter-lease students will be able to come and ride one additional day a week, as well as have first dibs on the horse for regular lessons and camps. (By necessity, the additional day must be a day of Nikki's choosing, when the horse is not already scheduled to work!)

As with our full and half-lease programs, a minimum of Green Level experience is **strongly preferred**. Students must agree to all riding and horse care expectations, and be enrolled in our Horsekeeping program, actively working to expand their unmounted knowledge. In the event that a leased horse becomes lame or otherwise unfit for work, we will provide a substitute ride if possible, but no make-up days are offered for inclement weather. Ask Nikki or Dana for more information!



Biscuit is a 15.2hh Quarter Horse gelding, jumping 2'9" courses and schooling Training Level dressage. He needs a confident, enthusiastic rider who can motivate him to work. Biscuit is available for quarter-lease on **Fridays**.



Hitman is a 13.2hh grade pony, a lesson veteran capable of jumping 2'-2'3" with ease. He is quiet enough for a total beginner, although he will take advantage of a timid rider! Hitman is available for quarter-lease on **Mondays**.



Merlin is a 16hh Thoroughbred gelding, a dressage veteran learning to jump small fences. While Merlin is quiet enough for a novice, he would benefit most from an experienced rider with quiet hands who can help him build correct muscles! Merlin is available for quarter-lease on **Saturdays**.



Hy-View Stables is coming along!

Beat the Heat!

Hot weather is here to stay—here are a few tips to help you keep your cool in the saddle:

- 🐾 Hydration, as always, is *extremely* important. Drink plenty of fluids, starting the day *before* your lesson. Please steer clear of soda—carbonated beverages dehydrate you and will leave you too drained to ride. Students should come to lessons with a labeled, refillable bottle of water... and drink it!
- 🐾 Horses, just like children, are not designed to work well in extreme heat. If we decide it is too hot to safely ride in the arena, lessons will be modified to include groundwork and unmounted barn sessions. This is a great time to catch up on some Horsekeeping skills and horsey knowledge.
- 🐾 Lightweight clothing is a must; tank tops are fine, but don't forget the sunblock. You may bring shorts to change into for unmounted sessions.
- 🐾 Finally, be prepared to get wet. Rides may include a hose-down and periodic splash breaks.

Need Riding Gear?

We still have lots of used riding apparel available! Several pairs of paddock boots in child sizes, schooling breeches, half chaps, and a few equine-themed tie-dye T-shirts. All items just \$5—save yourself \$\$\$!

WELCOME

... to our new students, **Jasper, Quinn, Shea** and **Violet**! We hope you enjoy all that **HorseSense** has to offer.



Summer Horsekeeping Contest

School's out and summer is a great time to expand your horsey knowledge! This summer, HorseSense students can participate in our Horsey-Know-It-All contest for a chance to earn Horsekeeping ribbons and cool prizes. Whoever gets the most items checked off in their Horsekeeping booklets during the months of June and July will win a prize pack (including a voucher for free schooling show classes!).

As always, students are welcome to borrow books from our extensive lending library as needed. We also have printed study guides available for Red and Yellow levels, and a list of recommended reading on our website. Don't have a Horsekeeping booklet started? Ask Nikki or Dana for one and start your journey of becoming a well-rounded equestrian!

www.HorseSenseRidingAcademy.com/LearningLevels/htm



A gentle reminder to all students... using your cell phone during a lesson or while handling a horse is unsafe, and disrespectful to your horse and your instructor! Please leave your phone in a designated safe area before your lesson.

Changes to Our Schedule

A few of our regularly scheduled classes will be moved due to conflicting event schedules in the upcoming months:

-  There will be no lessons **on July 4** due to Independence Day. Makeup lessons are available the following Saturday, July 6.
-  There will be no lessons **prior to 12pm** the weeks of **Novice Camp, July 9-13**, and **Rising Rider Camp, July 24-27**. Afternoon classes will still take place at the usual time.
-  There will be no lessons available after 4pm on Friday, **Aug 2** through Sunday, **Aug 4** due to our intensive **Quadrille Camp**. Students are encouraged to come and watch the Sunday afternoon performances!
-  There will be no lessons available Saturday, **Sept 14** due to **our Level Up Clinic/Barn Party**. Students may choose to attend the clinic in lieu of a weekly lesson!
-  There will be no lessons available Saturday, **Sept 28**, or Sunday, **Sept 29**, due to the **Not-Your-Typical-Schooling-Show**. All students are eligible for the show.

Call or ask Nikki to reschedule your lessons!

Class Schedule Summer 2013

Classes will be held **rain or shine**, with unmounted Horsekeeping sessions if we are unable to ride. Students are required to take 1-5 private lessons before joining a group class. For more information, please visit:

www.HorseSenseRidingAcademy.com/lesson_schedule.htm

Rising Riders/Junior Beginner

Rainbow & Red Level, ages 6-8

Beginner

Red & Yellow Level, ages 8 and up

Advanced Beginner

Yellow & Green Level

Intermediate

Blue & Orange Level, ages 8 and up

Advanced Intermediate

Orange & Purple Level, ages 8 and up

Advanced

Purple & Teal Level, ages 8 and up

Private Lessons Available:

Call for availability

Sun @ 3:30pm

1/2hr, \$20

Sun @ 4:30pm

1 hr, \$30

Thurs @ 5:30pm

1 hr, \$30

Wed @ 4:30; Fri @ 4:30pm

1 hr, \$30

Thurs @ 4:30pm; Sun @ 2pm

1 hr, \$30

Fri @ 5:30pm

1 hr, \$30

Select Saturdays; Sun @ 2pm

1hr, \$40 or 1/2 hr, \$25

As of right now, our summer lesson schedule is FULL! If you'd like to join an existing class, please contact Nikki to discuss availability. We may have several openings in August, so be sure to check back at the end of camp season for our new class schedule.



We had a great eventing camp May 29-June 1, with daily lessons in dressage, show jumping and cross-country... tie-dyed saddle pads... hilarious Pony Pictionary... and a three-phase competition on Saturday! Congrats to our blue-ribbon winners, **Maura and Biscuit.**



NEW! Don't forget! We now have an online enrollment system for HorseSense camps and clinics. You can sign up early for your favorite activities without having to deal with printed forms, and just bring camp fees to your next lesson (or first day of camp). Please try it and let us know how the online form works for you - and save a few trees!

www.HorseSenseRidingAcademy.com/online_entry.htm

2013 Event and Clinic Schedule

NOTE: Stuff happens, so all of this is subject to change! Check our website and Facebook page for the latest schedule revisions -- then download infosheets with detailed information/forms for each camp or show.

You can also sign up via our new online enrollment forms.

DATE		EVENT or CLINIC	COST	REGISTRATION DEADLINE
Jul 9-13	*	Novice Camp II	250.00 - 300.00	Jul 2
Jul 24-27	*	Rising Riders Camp	150.00	Jul 17
Aug 2-4	*	Quadrille Camp	85.00	Jul 27
Aug 24	*	Level Up Clinic (Horsekeeping Only)	20.00/free	Aug 17
Sept 14	*	Level Up Clinic/Summer Barn Party	40.00/free	Sep 7
Sept 28	*	Not-Your-Typical Schooling Show	10.00 + 5.00/class	Sep 21
Oct 5	*	In Unison Farm Hunter Pace (Kingston)--must be Orange Level or above		
Oct 26	*	Trick or Treat Games Competition	20.00	Oct 19
Nov 9	*	Level Up Clinic/Bonfire/Night Ride	40.00/free	Nov 2
Nov 16	*	Mock Foxhunt at Flat Branch Farm	20.00	Nov 9
Dec 14	*	Holiday Barn Party	free	Dec 7
Dec 28	*	Level Up Clinic	40.00	Dec 21

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